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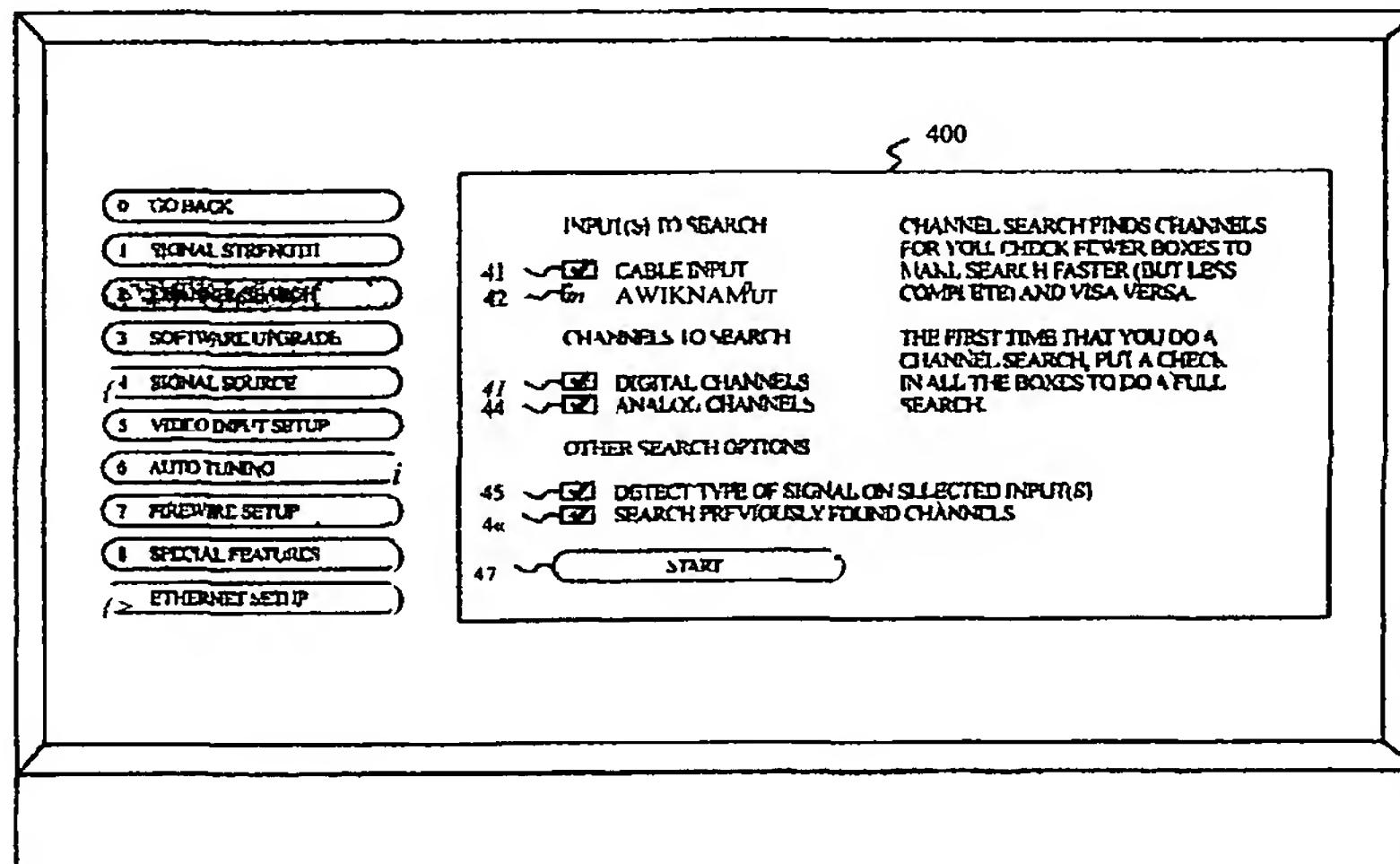
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(57) Abstract: A method (300) for performing a selectable channel search with an apparatus such as a television signal receiver provides users with flexible search options so that they may select only those search options they desire, and thereby save considerable time when performing a channel search. According to an exemplary embodiment, a method (300) for enabling a channel search using a television signal receiver includes steps of enabling display of an on-screen menu (320), and enabling a user to select a plurality of options for the channel search responsive to the on-screen menu (330-340). The plurality of options includes a first option to search at least one of a plurality of inputs to the television signal receiver and a second option to search at least one of a plurality of types of channels.



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